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Dipping into the past...

150 YEARS AGO

Unfortunately, for some reason most of the issues of the Orangeville Sun in the years 1865 and 1866 have vanished. As a result, we shall be unable to provide more than sporadic coverage of happenings in the two years leading to Confederation in 1867.

125 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 14, 1890

? The pump works of Mr. James M. Wilson, opposite the water works on West Broadway, were badly wrecked by fire about 6:30 o'clock Friday morning. The firemen answered the alarm promptly. Engineer Harkies had steam up and the engines started quickly, and two heavy streams of water confined the flames to the building in which they originated. Mr. Wilson ?s loss is a heavy one, his insurance in the London and Lancashire amounting to only $1,000. The brick building was owned by Reeve Wansbrough of Amaranth, and insured for $500. Origin of the fire is a mystery.

??he charge preferred by Police Chief Shields against Alfred Pearson and Frederick Smyth, alias Solar, for selling goods in violation of the Orangeville transient traders' bylaw, came up for hearing in Police Court. Mayor Walsh prosecuted with Queen's Counsel Myers defending Smyth. Pearson did not put in an appearance. The evidence went to show that John McIntosh took out a license under the bylaw and Smyth and Pearson claim to be acting simply as McIntosh's agents. Judgment was reserved.

? Friends and parishioners of Rev. Father Jeffcott assembled at his residence on Mill Street, Friday evening last, and presented him with an address and a purse of $78. The ex-pastor of St. Peter's made an appropriate reply and a few hours' of pleasant intercourse followed. The priest left for Pickering, his new field of labour, on Saturday morning.

? A band of juveniles in Shelburne, known as the Cheerful Givers' Mission Band, with Annie Madill as its president, are engaged in a good work, having several ways and means of contributing to foreign missions, and appear to take a great interest in it. Last Thursday evening they held an entertainment in the Presbyterian Church, the admission to which was only 10 cents. The entertainment was a really good one, the young performers acquitting themselves admirably in songs, recitations, etc. Notwithstanding the stormy night, they were encouraged by a nice audience and the amount realized was over $5.

100 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 11, 1915

? The annual meeting of Dufferin Reform Association was held in Shelburne Town Hall Monday afternoon. The nomination for the House of Commons was tendered to Thomas Dryden, of Riverview, ex-reeve of Melancthon Township and ex-Warden of Dufferin. It is understood that Mr. Dryden will take two or three weeks to consider before giving his decision as to whether to accept the nomination. The meeting passed resolutions of confidence in the Liberal opposition in Ottawa and Toronto.

? The annual meeting of Dufferin Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held in the Council Chamber, Shelburne Town Hall, on Saturday. The manager, James Brown, gave a lengthy report on business done the past year. Fifty claims were paid. amounting to $7,693.84. Of the total, 47 were in Dufferin and the remainder in Nottawasaga and Tosorontio townships. The company has 2,334 policies in force, covering an insurance of $4,737,700.

? The Hydro-Electric Power Commission has received signed contracts from a number of municipalities in its Eugenia Falls district. Chatsworth, Dundalk, Shelburne, Durham and Mount Forest are the latest, in addition to contracts already received from Flesherton, Eugenia and Owen Sound. It is expected that these places will be supplied by next June, and they have obtained rates as good as, if not better than, those of the Niagara district.

75 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, February 8, 1940

??he annual meeting of Dufferin Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held in Shelburne Town Hall, on Saturday afternoon. Losses paid in 1939 totaled $11,628.24. The company had 3,097 policies in force on December 31.

? The new building designed to house Shelburne Creamery in the near future, at Owen Sound Street and First Avenue, is rapidly nearing completion. The new plant will conduct an open house on Thursday, February 22.

50 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, February 10, 1965

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? Four of the six municipalities within the Centre Dufferin High School District have given tentative approval to a proposed expansion of the Shelburne school to provide accommodation for increased student enrolment and the addition of a limited vocational course. Tentative approval had been given the high school board by the councils of Amaranth, Melancthon, Mulmur and Shelburne. Mono has not yet given approval and East Luther had not been heard from.
? A public meeting was held in Honeywood's Orange Hall concerning plans to replace the arena, recently destroyed by fire. Don Downey, George Prentice, Archie Hunter and Ken McClelland were named to the Building Committee and a Finance Committee was established consisting of Allan Laverty, Claude Dolson, Mrs. Harold Wilson, Mrs. Hector Ferguson, Clarence Moore and Clifford Siddall.
? The 70th annual meeting of the Dufferin Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held in Shelburne Library Saturday afternoon with president Hugh Reid in the chair. Insurance in force has increased to more than $47 million and gross premium income is over $136,000. Incurred losses of $133,607.39 were more than double those in` 1963 and the highest in the history of the company.

10 YEARS AGO
Thursday, February 10, 2005
??y all accounts, South Dufferin is in the early stages of a crisis in senior citizen housing. The shortage affects seniors who need subsidized shelter as well as those who just want to trade down to a bungalow. This shortage is likely to get worse before it gets better, as the area's senior population mushrooms over the next 10 years or so. A year-end report by the Mayor's Senior's Advisory Committee said many seniors seeking subsidized housing face a wait of two and a half to four years for one of the 119 units administered by Dufferin Community Services. And as of two weeks ago, 108 seniors were waiting for one of 89 units at 49 Bythia, while at Credit River Non-profit Housing on Chisholm Street, 54 on the waiting list may wait four years for a unit.
??reg Sorbora, Ontario's Minister of Finance, says John Tory is being ?somewhat presumptuous? in predicting he'll have a seat in the legislature by spring. Mr. Tory, last week, announced that he would be a candidate for the Dufferin-Peel-Wellington-Grey seat vacated by Ernie Eves last Tuesday. Premier Dalton McGuinty could take up to six months to fix a date for the by-election.